

## Djibouti becomes independent Monday

**DIJBOUTI, June 22 (AFP).** — The French territory of Afars and Issas (Ifaa) will next Monday become the independent republic of Djibouti after 115 years of French rule. The people of this tiny territory, strategically located in the Horn of Africa and at the mouth of the Red Sea, overwhelmingly voted for independence in an internationally-supervised referendum last May 8. In parallel general elections, voters also massively elected a single list of candidates, led by Hassan Gouled, now the territory's premier and the man favoured to become the future republic's first president.

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## Egypt reported to have called up its army forces reserves

**CAIRO, June 22 (R).** — Egypt's Defence Ministry spokesman was not available for comment on the news that Egypt was calling up its armed forces reserves. The Kuwait newspaper Al-Sayassah said yesterday that this was being done as a precautionary measure because Egypt regarded the new Israeli government as "a war cabinet." Observers in Cairo noted that reservists are called up on an occasional basis for short periods, but that there has been no noticeable increase in such calls.

## King Hussein back from 1 day visit to Damascus

**AMMAN (R).** — His Majesty King Hussein returned to Amman Wednesday night from a one-day visit to Syria.

The King and President Hafez Assad discussed the general Arab situation and bilateral relations, according to officials here.

The King was accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, the Chief of the Royal Court, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and Court Minister Amer Khammash.

Official sources in the Syrian capital said that King Hussein and President Assad agreed that Arab solidarity should be strengthened and Arab potentials mobilised to recover the "usurped Arab rights".

As the two leaders met, their prime ministers and their delegations held parallel talks, but no details were available.

Sources close to the Jordanian monarch said the King would shortly visit Egypt and Saudi Arabia.



His Majesty King Hussein talks to President Hafez Assad during his visit to Damascus Wednesday. Premier Badran is at far right. (JNA photo).

## Ethiopia accuses Sudan, Somalia of sabotage

**ADDIS ABABA, June 22 (R).** — Ethiopia has charged that Somalia and Sudan are coordinating efforts to isolate Ethiopia by blowing up the railway to Djibouti and banning Ethiopian flights over Sudan.

"The regimes in Sudan and Somalia are fully responsible for the deterioration of peace and security in the eastern Horn of Africa," an Information Ministry spokesman alleged in a statement published today in the Ethiopian Herald newspaper.

According to diplomatic sources five bridges on Ethiopia's only railway to the sea have been blown up in the past two weeks by pro-Somali insurgents on either side of the town of Dire Dawa.

Skirmishes between Ethiopian troops and insurgents were also reported late last week in the outskirts of the neighbouring town of Harrar, they said.

Some parts of the line are still reported under armed threat and even if the insurgents are driven out of the area repairs are expected to take three or four months.

Observers said the government denunciation of a conspiracy to landlock Ethiopia indicated the seriousness of the situation for the country which uses the railway to transport 70 per cent of its imports and exports.

The strain on the supply situation in Addis Ababa comes as final preparations are made for a mammoth parade on Saturday of a people's militia which is said to number 300,000.

A tent city has been set up to hold about 100,000 militia men just northwest of Opia after Addis Ababa and Asmara.

Petrol has been rationed in the capital for about two weeks and pumps on roads leading north have been fully stocked to assure transport for this huge body of men.

## Soviet Union, France pledge to defend human rights, warn against nuclear war

**PARIS, June 22 (AFP).** — The Soviet Union and France today pledged, themselves to the defence of human rights and implicitly warned that a nuclear holocaust was the alternative to detente.

The pledge and warning followed three days of exchanges of views — some of them clearly differing — between President Giscard d'Estaing and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

The two countries stressed that respect for human rights and basic freedoms, at the level of states and individuals, was one of the basic elements of detente.

They warned: "In the higher interest of mankind, it is imperative that states and peoples abandon policies based on mistrust, rivalry and tension and that they recognise that despite differences over the concept and organisation of society, they are united in the face of perils which threaten them."

Detente, and its alternative, were the subject of one of three documents signed at Rambouillet chateau, near here, where the talks took place. The other two were a statement on overall policies and on halting the spread of nuclear weapons.

Three economic documents were also signed and the two countries undertook to treble trade by the early 1980's.

Yesterday, President Giscard d'Estaing stressed that "moderation in the ideological struggle" was one of four conditions to detente, but in the text on detente this came out as a pledge to "maintain a favourable climate in relations between states".

Both sides called for an end to the use of force and threats as a means of influencing other countries, and a halt to the arms race.

The 11-page general policy document, which also took in detente, gave a place of its own to Africa and said the two countries attached great importance to the right of the African

peoples to decide their own future without outside interference.

Both sides said they were deeply committed to the "full and dynamic" application of the Helsinki agreement and were determined to "work for the effective application of all its clauses."

They also called for the reconvening of the Geneva conference on the Middle East, with the participation of representatives of the Palestinian people.

On disarmament, France and the Soviet Union backed the idea of a world conference and said they hoped the necessary conditions for it to be held, particularly the participation of all the nuclear powers, would soon be met.

The two countries said they recognised the importance to some nations of nuclear energy and said they would continue to export nuclear material and technology in keeping with international agreements they had made.

## Labour Party retains control over Histadrut

**TEL AVIV, June 22 (R).** — Israel's powerful trade unions, still under the control of the opposition Labour Party after special elections, warned new Prime Minister Menachem Begin today against implementing his conservative ideas for solving the country's economic slump.

Mr. Begin's rightwing Likud government, which hopes to introduce more free enterprise into the largely controlled economy, was rocked by the results of the elections for authority over the Histadrut trades union federation.

The Histadrut news controls nearly one-third of the Israeli economy. Almost all salaried workers and their families are linked to it through pension and health funds.

"We shall face difficulties and there will be a great struggle ahead if Finance Minister Simcha Erlich tries to fully implement the ideas he has put forward," said the federation's Labourite Secretary General Yerihim Meshel. But he added that compromise solutions could be envisaged.

Mr. Meshel spoke after the Labour Party made a stunning comeback yesterday in the Histadrut balloting — just over a month after its 29-year rule ended in a crushing general election defeat.

Final official results of yesterday's ballot will be known tomorrow, or even later. But with about half of the votes counted, it was clear Labour

had retained a majority of more than 52 per cent of the Histadrut.

The result means Mr. Erlich faces a difficult task in implementing the government's declared policy of limited unemployment and reduced subsidies on basic foods to bring Israel's spiralling inflation under control.

Jubilant leaders of the Labour Party made clear that they would use the Histadrut as a power base against Mr. Begin.

Likud leaders stressed that their party was the only one to make gains in yesterday's vote. It received close to 30 per cent, an eight per cent rise over results in 1973. Labour dropped several points though it retained overall control.

About 65 per cent of 1.4 million eligible Histadrut members took part in the poll and figures indicated that close to 200,000 people who voted Likud in the general elections voted for Labour yesterday.

Incomplete figures from Arab areas showed Labour had taken 50 per cent of the vote there, compared to 32 per cent for the Rakah Communist Party.

The increasingly militant communist Party is overwhelmingly supported by Israeli Arabs, for whom the Moscow-aligned group is the only legal Arab nationalist opposition within Israel.

One theory was that Israeli Arabs feared government re-

prisals against them if Rakah was seen to be their sole choice.

Though the Likud improved its showing the only real comfort for the government would be if the poor support for the newly-founded Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) forced it to align with Mr. Begin's group.

Informed political sources said DMC leader Prof. Yigal Yadin could offer Mr. Begin an alliance in opposition to Labour within the Histadrut in exchange for concessions on foreign policy.

## Dayan: Israel will not give back any part of West Bank

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 22 (R).** — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said today the new Israeli government would seek a peace with Arab states that did not involve "partitioning" the occupied West Bank or handing it back to Jordan.

Speaking on Israeli Radio for the first time since taking up his new portfolio, Mr. Dayan said the major problem facing Israel was Arab demands for a total evacuation of the West Bank which Israeli troops occupied during the June 1967 Middle East war.

## Israeli newspaper says

### Brzezinski proposes West Bank internal autonomy within Jordan

**TEL AVIV, June 22 (AFP).** — White House Security Affairs advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski has proposed a solution to the Middle East conflict which would give Palestinians internal autonomy in a demilitarized West Bank within the Jordanian state, the daily Haaretz reported here today.

The newspaper's Washington correspondent said the proposal would allow Israel a limited military presence on the West Bank and the Golan region but would ban any Israeli political presence or settlements.

Israeli experts recently learned of the plan, Haaretz said, which would give the Kingdom of Jordan two provinces — one of which would be set up by the Palestinians in West Bank territories now occupied by Israel and would be granted internal autonomy.

Under the Brzezinski plan, the Palestinian province would be demilitarized and Jordan would maintain responsibility for its internal security although only police forces would be stationed there.

Jordan would also be granted a free port at Haifa, Haaretz said.

Jerusalem would remain the unified capital of Israel, it said, although it could also be the administrative capital of the Palestinian province. An inter-religious council would assume control of holy places in the city.

Mr. Brzezinski reportedly proposed that Gaza become part of the Palestinian province, and Jewish settlements in the area evacuated.

Israel would also evacuate the Sinai in three stages, returning in the end to the 1967 borders. Egyptian troops would be banned from going beyond a certain line in the Sinai. United Nations forces would meanwhile remain in the sector. The port of Sharm Al Sheikh, held by Israel and located near the mouth of the Gulf of Suez, no longer has strategic importance since the Arabs control the Bab Al Mandeb straits at the entrance to the Red Sea.

The plan would return the Golan to Syria in three stages over two years. U.N. forces would remain for an indefinite period in the demilitarized area and Israel would be allowed to send in patrols.

The Haaretz correspondent said most members of the American Congress considered friendly to Israel generally agreed with the project.

In Tel Aviv, Rabbi Shlomo Goren told reporters on his return from a trip to the United States and Canada that he believed President Carter would stop referring to an independent Palestinian homeland from now on.

He said that President Carter reiterated U.S. commitment to Israel and said a solution to the Palestinian issue should be sought in the context of a Palestinian homeland within Jordan.

He added that President Carter had assured him he did not expect an Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories to the pre-1967 borders.

There has been no official U.S. reaction on Israeli reports on the meeting which took place 10 days ago.

## Vance will visit China

**WASHINGTON, June 22 (R).** — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will visit China from August 22 to 26, the State Department announced today.

He will also stop in Japan for one or two days on his way back from Peking, a spokesman said.

Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the purpose of the Peking visit was "to further our conversations in light of the Shanghai communique toward normalising relations." The Shanghai communique was signed by former President Richard Nixon in 1972.

He said Mr. Vance would not visit any other countries besides China and Japan. He said he did not know whether South Korea had requested a visit at that time.

## Tito, Qadhafi open official talks

**BELGRADE, June 22 (R).** — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi and President Tito of Yugoslavia today opened official talks on bilateral cooperation and international topics.

Officials said the talks, being held at President Tito's summer resort island of Brioni in the northern Adriatic, would centre on the Middle East conflict, the situation in Africa and bilateral cooperation.

Col. Qadhafi arrived at Brioni last night at a four-day state visit.

At a dinner speech last night in honour of Col. Qadhafi President Tito praised Libyan efforts to strengthen Arab unity.

Col. Qadhafi replied that "the present attitude of certain Israeli leaders makes the possibility of establishing a just peace more distant than ever." He also denounced "plots and shameless aggression against a number of progressive African states."

## Unconfirmed reports say Amin is alive and well in Uganda

**NAIROBI, June 22 (R).** — Twenty-four hours of rumour and counter-rumour have failed to dispel doubts as to the health and whereabouts of controversial President Idi Amin of Uganda after unconfirmed reports of an attempt on his life.

The Kenya News Agency said he had been shot and wounded while travelling in the presidential car near Kampala last Saturday and quoted conflicting reports from sources inside Uganda saying he was receiving medical treatment either within his own country or in the Libyan Jamahiriya.

But British Foreign Secretary David Owen told reporters in Luxembourg that his information was that President Amin was alive and unharmed. Uganda Radio reported the president had met a Ugandan delegation returning from an Organisation of African Unity meeting in Angola on the same day as the alleged assassination attempt.

Ugandan officials contacted by telephone in Kampala appeared reluctant to shed light on

the question. An aide at Field Marshal Amin's command post in Entebbe said the Ugandan leader had not been seen since Friday. "We're just looking for him all over the country, but we're not getting him," he said.

Diplomatic sources in Cairo said President Amin was alive and well and had conferred with his finance minister on Monday. But the minister, Brig. Moses Ali, who is on a three-day visit to Egypt, refused to confirm or deny the reports.

Mystery also surrounds the whereabouts of Ugandan Vice President Gen. Mustafa Idrisi. Sources said he had been seen since the weekend.

The Kenya News Agency quoted diplomatic sources in Kampala as saying a bloody purge was going on within the country. The agency quoted one source as saying there "certainly is a massacre taking place here."

The agency said hundreds of Ugandans were fleeing to Kenya to escape death during "the current purge in Uganda." A party of senior Ugandan army officers surrendered their weapons and band grenades to

Kenyan border police and asked for asylum, it said.

The Ugandan refugees said soldiers of Uganda's State Research Bureau, the security unit, had gone on the rampage killing innocent civilians and soldiers suspected of involvement in the alleged assassination attempt, according to the agency.

Meanwhile, it was reported in New York today that an American woman reporter now in Uganda says that President Amin has told her he is alive, well and on a belated honeymoon with his fourth wife.

A spokesman for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) said that reporter Audrey Jane Taylor, who is acquainted with President Amin, had spoken to the Ugandan leader on the telephone.

"He assured me that there have been no threats on his life and that he is simply relaxing for a week and trying his best to stay out of the news," she said.

Mrs. Taylor is on an educational tour with members of the Ugandan delegation to the United Nations.



CONGRATULATIONS -- Leonid Brezhnev, President of the Soviet Union and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing congratulate each other after the signature of accords at the end of a two-day Franco-Soviet summit meeting at Rambouillet Chateau in Paris Wednesday (at right). (AP wirephoto).

## MEA reelects board of directors

The General Assembly of MEA (the Middle East Airline) unanimously reelected its previous Board of Directors and its Chairman, Sheikh Najeeb Alamuddin, to a new three-year term in office.

The MEA General Assembly held its meeting in Beirut on Wednesday, June 21 and opened its session with one minute of silence for company employees killed during the recent events in Lebanon.

Sheikh Alamuddin briefed shareholders and employees on the effects of the Lebanese conflict on the company and its activities and how it succeeded to continue its activities and survive.

"I thank the shareholders for their continuous support for and unshakeable belief in the company and its employees," Sheikh Najib Alamuddin added in his address to the shareholders. "I also thank our non-Lebanese employees for their loyalty and participation with their fellow Lebanese employees in most of the crucial and difficult events they passed through."

Addressing himself to the Lebanese employees, he concluded his message by saying: "I am proud of your loyalty to Lebanon and to your company, your dedication to your work, your courage and your determination to shoulder your responsibilities. Above all, I am proud of your national sentiments and your unity, which is an example to be emulated. With people like you, Lebanon can rise with strength and pride and enable the Cedar wings to continue providing a bridge to all parts of the world and remain Lebanon's everlasting emblem."

After approving the items on its agenda, the assembly elected unanimously the Board of Directors to another three year term in office.

The new board held its first meeting, during which it unanimously voted its previous Chairman, Sheikh Najib Alamuddin, to a further three years in office.

## APPRECIATION FOR CONDOLENCES

**Marchella and Tewfiq Nazzal, the Nazzals and Manginis, together with their kin and relatives in Jordan and abroad, would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who offered condolences on the death of the dear late**

**EVELINA MARCONI MANGINI**

**by attending the funeral ceremony, sending wreaths and cables or visiting the house of the bereaved.**

**May God save them all and protect them from every mishap. Amen.**



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## Belgrade Summit raises hopes for improved East-West atmosphere

By Sidney Weiland

BELGRADE, June 22 (R). — East and West are engaged in a diplomatic tug-of-war in Belgrade with deep significance for the future of detente.

The stakes are high on both sides. The detente process is mutually valuable, opening prospects for a steadily improving political climate in which the arms race could be significantly reduced.

With vital interests to protect, both sides are moving cautiously. Neither wants detente to be wrecked.

Two years ago, European, U.S. and Canadian leaders gathered in Helsinki, Finland, for a summit meeting that effectively accepted post-war borderlines set by the Soviet army. Many critics called it a sell-out to the Kremlin.

In return, Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev reluctantly endorsed a charter of human rights, fought out line by line in stiff backstage bargaining.

The charter, printed in newspapers throughout the Soviet Bloc, gave hope to tens of thousands of East Europeans barred for various reasons from travelling across East-West frontiers.

The detente process, a proclaimed key plank in Soviet policy, was formalised at the European Security Conference in August 1975, but the human rights principles agreed at Helsinki have come to haunt Soviet Bloc governments.

Pressed for by the Soviet Union for 28 years and regarded with acute suspicion by some Western policy-makers at the time, the Helsinki conference galvanised a human rights dilemma that existed since World War II.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, bored by the symbolism of Helsinki, dismissed the human rights principles, signed by leaders of 35 states as a piece of paper. The final act has since become a political testament for dissidents in Eastern Europe. Families desperate for exit permits have waved it angrily in the faces of Communist officials.

"Kissinger was wrong," says a senior NATO officer. The final pact has kept the Soviet Union and its allies on the run. It has turned into a secret weapon for the West.

The final act is under scrutiny now at Belgrade, at least procedurally, by diplomats from the 35 signatory states who are preparing ground rules for a higher-level second-stage security conference in the Yugoslav capital next autumn.

In preparatory skirmishing, the West moved quickly on to the attack, forcing the Soviet Bloc into the defensive on the human rights issue.

The preparatory stage of the Belgrade conference, which began on June 15 and will last about six weeks, seems certain to be shadowed by the emotive symbolism of human rights. Although no substantive debate is planned for the preparatory stage, there is a human rights nuance in every comma of the agenda and guidelines

being written for the autumn conference.

Probably in October, junior ministers will begin a painstaking analysis of the final act, to determine whether governments have carried out pledges to strengthen security, expand trade, and above all broaden human contacts.

The 15 nations of the NATO alliance are determined to keep the focus firmly on human rights. They are seeking debating rules that will make it impossible to skirt around the human rights issue. This will involve a long battle of the agendas.

The West is pushing for an open-ended debate, which may last three months, with committees probing deeply into the fulfilment of every clause in each of the final act's three "baskets".

Taking a procedural lead, the nine-nation European Common Market said it hoped for a 12-week review in the autumn, but was ready to go on talking until a consensus was reached. "We will stay as long as it takes," a British diplomat said.

The Soviet Union prefers generalised debate and has hinted at new proposals for future East-West cooperation, in fields such as inter-state relations, energy, transport and the environment.

Soviet Bloc diplomats are anxious for a firm cut-off date for the full conference. The West says it will fight hard against this, fearing a Communist filibuster that could produce a conference without results.

Under Western strategy, the conference would end with a firm assessment of achievements so far and would set goals for the future.

The West wants similar review conferences at regular intervals, to check up on progress made, especially in lowering human rights barriers. The Soviet Bloc, feeling harried over human rights, has so far shown no enthusiasm for the idea.

"They are trying to write an insurance policy for themselves, to stop the U.S. biting too hard on human rights," a Western negotiator said. "We too want a businesslike discussion. We don't want acrimony at every stage, but we don't want to sweep anything under the carpet."

The Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies are expected to try to shift the emphasis to military disengagement; last year Warsaw Pact asked every signatory state to pledge it would not be the first to use nuclear weapons. The proposal was rejected by NATO.

While the West is ready to press hard on human rights, Western negotiators know there are realistic limits and that Moscow cannot be pushed too far.

Neutral countries such as Austria and Sweden support the West but do not want the debate to get out of hand. "We don't want the Russians to pose a case so that they lose interest in detente, and just drop out," an Austrian diplomat says. "We want to keep them in the club."

Another neutral ambassador says: "If this becomes a slanging match, is it going to help anybody? Detente is a process that can help towards liberalisation in Eastern Europe. We want to keep it that way."

And some governments have hinted Moscow may mount a counter-attack on such issues as unemployment, racial discrimination, Britain's military role in Northern Ireland and Western trade tariffs.

The U.S. delegation says it will strive for equal progress on all aspects of the Helsinki declaration as the human rights issue (basket three) is more contentious than the security or trade baskets, this implies a more active thrust on human rights.

Some West European governments believe Mr. Carter has focussed too aggressively on human rights, and this could be counter-productive. West Germany fears Russia, Poland or East Germany could react by limiting possibilities for would-be grants.

For this reason, the U.S. is expected to opt for pragmatic solutions, using measured language, and avoiding a showdown that could turn the Russians sour on detente.

The U.S. diplomats say they will also table new proposals to demonstrate a forward-looking interest in detente and continuing cooperation in easing trade and other barriers.

If all goes well there could be another Helsinki-type summit eventually, an idea already floated by Yugoslavia's President Tito.

## Third Circle Phantasmic By Omar Jawad

### As good as money....

Readers of this column who have wondered why it has not appeared for the past three weeks must accept my apologies. The truth is that I have been on a highly secret mission to Europe, so secret and sensitive, in fact, that I could not entrust it even to my stealthy and very sneaky associates. I had to go myself, and I have brought back a sensational story that I will reveal here for the first time because I feel it is of great concern to the world. But first, as always, some background.

It seems to me that two of our world's most recent and important developments have been the growth of a pan-European sentiment and the influx of Arab visitors and wealth into Europe. The pan-European sentiment is already expressed in such things as Eurodollars, or car rental firms called Eurocar. My mission to Europe was to investigate the imminent wedding between this collective European feeling and the Arab invasion there, and I am now able to report authoritatively that a recent top-secret meeting of European central bank governors has decided that it is time to recognise the new realities of our world by introducing into circulation a new unit of financial exchange and wealth called the Eurosheikh.

The introduction of the Eurosheikh has been the result of a compromise among the European states. As none of them are willing to give up the sovereignty of their own money to the dominance of another European currency, they decided to use a new unit of account that is common to them all. They found that the only thing of value that they all share is an influx of wealthy Arabs.

The decision to come up with the Eurosheikh was also found to be convenient because some of the EEC's poorer states, such as England, had a disproportionately high share of Arabs. Thus not only has Europe come up with a new and very stable currency, but it has also simultaneously wiped away the severe economic imbalance among the EEC member states.

The Eurosheikh will initially have its value pegged to the price of a round-trip London-Bahrain air ticket on the Concorde supersonic air-

liner. A country in Europe will be able to draw upon the EEC's lending facilities in proportion to the number of Arabs in the country; this number will be determined according to a complex formula that considers permanent Arab residents, students, tourists, absentee real estate owners and transient businessmen. It has also been determined that the continual presence of Arab guerrillas in any country will lower that country's credit-worthiness. Arab journalists, Lockheed salesmen, and other questionable characters will not be included in the formula, as their full value to society has not yet been determined.

Because it will now be advantageous for a European country to try and attract as many wealthy Arabs as it can, limits will be placed on the maximum number of Arabs that can be in any single European country at any one time. If this number is exceeded, the country in question will either have to pay a compensatory tax to the EEC states that are being deprived of their fair share of Arabs, or it will have to take in an equal number of Mexicans, Italian workers, Turkish students and poor Lebanese refugees who do not smoke cigars.

In the event that any single European country has to host the Arab League's permanent headquarters for one full year. Before this dire fate befalls the country, it may be given a preliminary warning by being asked to arrange an Arab summit conference.

Non-Arab wealthy visitors to Europe, such as Iranians or Venezuelans, will be issued special cards identifying them as reserve currencies to be called Petrosheikhs. If, for example, all the Arabs in Europe suddenly go to the United States to visit the newest Disneyland, the Petrosheikhs would fill in for them in Europe to make sure there are no continental financial crashes.

In the future, it is envisaged that a Eurosheikh stock market will be opened, where the individual monetary value of Arabs will be listed, and in which European countries can buy and sell rights to have Arabs live in their country.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian dailies, Wednesday, took up the following subjects: His Majesty King Hussein's dialogue with the Egyptian press; the priorities which the Arabs must decide upon; and the importance of building up Arab military power.

AL DASTOUR said that His Majesty the King, in his dialogue with the Egyptian press on Tuesday, started a new custom in Arab information aiming at a tighter coordination of information among Arab countries.

The King has revealed the truth and spoke openly and with details about Jordan's stand vis-a-vis the Mideast conflict. King Hussein also spoke about the current dangers, the importance of Arab coordination and the rights of Palestinians to the Palestinian soil.

The paper said that if Arab leaders would follow King Hussein's example in holding such open dialogues with the media of different Arab countries, the Arab press would have the chance to provide the Arab public with the truth. Thus, the Arab public, in turn, would be given the chance to prepare itself to play the role expected of it in the face of all future challenges.

The paper concluded that the meeting of the King with members of the Egyptian press was a good example, and an assertion, of the role of Arab leadership in helping the press to fulfil its mission.

AL RA'I, in an editorial entitled "The aim and the clear vision," said that the axis around which all Mideast problems rotate is the Israeli occupation of Arab lands. The paper said that Israel suffers from what is close to isolation because of Arab action in forcing it to reveal its true, aggressive intentions. The paper posed the question whether Israel, if it continues its current policy, would not surely end up with a more accentuated isolation.

The paper said that despite U.N. condemnations, Israel continues to do exactly as it wants while the Arabs know of Israel's true intentions from an analysis of its policy in the occupied territories. The conclusion reached by the Arabs, the paper said, is that Israel's aim is to further expand. To achieve this aim, Israel seems ready to sacrifice peace and all the values it pretends to cherish.

The paper added that all through this time, the Arabs have continued to ask of the means by which to acquire their rights -- whether by war, or through the help of the U.N. or with the help of big powers -- until the October war almost succeeded in bringing peace about by implementing U.N. Resolution 338 and convening the Geneva conference. However, peace was not implemented and since that day the Arabs have been arguing whether or not Israel would withdraw from the occupied territories without the need of another war.

The paper noted that if the Arabs hope for peace they ought to decide on priorities. To liberate Arab lands before deciding on the territories' Arab dimension, or to define the identity of the future before bringing about this future.

AL SHA'B said that, in his speech to the Knesset, Mr. Menachem Begin has not added anything new to the usual Israeli allegations. He alleged again that his country is "ready" to attend the Geneva conference on the basis of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, although he also said that he was not ready to give any concessions to the Arabs. He called for the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and went on about Israeli racist illusions -- four thousand years old -- which allege the "historical rights" of the Jews to Palestine.

The paper explained that it chose to repeat what Mr. Begin has said because the Arabs should be reminded that regaining their rights requires an Arab will that is able to have an effect on all the various fields which are crucial to the success of the national battle.

The paper continued that in order to have such a will, the Arabs now more than ever, need to build up an Arab strength capable of fighting both the battles of war and of peace.

The paper concluded that Arab diplomatic preparations for Geneva do not cancel out or belittle the importance of military preparations, for Arab military preparedness, especially in the confrontation countries, would add to the strength of the Arab position at Geneva in that it will give the Arabs the power to affect the prospects of establishing peace in the area.

## Sweden tackles alleged racial problem

Andrew Young, controversial black U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said recently that Sweden was a racist country -- a remark which President Carter termed "unfortunate" in a statement criticising Young. Is Sweden racist?

By Ross Brown

STOCKHOLM (Gemini) — A cartoon in New In Sweden, a magazine for immigrants, shows a small Swedish girl being ordered out of the house whenever she comes in with a foreign playmate. Finally she brings home a new friend -- a Swedish girl called "Prejudice" -- and her parents flee in fear.

This is one way of illustrating that, despite its international reputation for tolerance, racial bias exists in Sweden. Yet whether Swedish prejudice is worse than it is elsewhere is impossible to judge.

Sweden, comparatively isolated and with no colonial past, has had vastly different experiences in meeting other racial or national groups than say, Britain or Canada.

From 1840 to 1930 over one million "poor" Swedes migrated, mainly to the U.S. But modern Sweden now has 410,000 resident aliens and 270,000 naturalised Swedes; these people, born outside Sweden, total 10 per cent of the population.

Finns -- some 185,000 of them -- are by far the largest group of immigrants, followed by 41,000 Yugoslavs, 18,000 Greeks, 17,000 Germans, 7,000 Britons, 7,000 Poles, 6,000 Italians and 6,000 Americans, who include deserters from the U.S. military forces in Vietnam. About 35,000 are non-European.

Most of these newcomers have been attracted by Sweden's high materialistic standard of living. Just after the war many were recruited for the developing of Swedish industry, but nowadays they become part of the work-force known elsewhere as "foreign workers" or "guestworkers".

This immigration is regulated, the controlling factors being the employment authorities and trade unions who advise on the state of the labour market.

Sweden also accepts around 2,000 refugees annually. In recent years 800 Ugandans, Asians have arrived, 2,500 South Americans and 6,000 Turkish Assyrians.

In 1969 Statens Invandrarverk (SIV) the National Immigra-

tion and Naturalisation Board was set up to cover work and residence permits, citizenship, and the adjustment of immigrants into Swedish life.

Housed today in Norrköping, SIV employs 250 people of different nationalities but as the public funds are allocated (for the first time since 1927) to churches other than Lutheran, while SIV prints brochures in 13 languages on taxation, traffic rules, education, Swedish nature, etc. ("If you read all these," they say "you know more about Sweden than the Swedes.")

Professor Arne Trankell, author of a survey entitled "Prejudice against immigrants," writes: "Prejudice arises from social and economic insecurity, and the lack of experience or ignorance of other cultures and peoples."

"To liberate people from this evil we must create a social and economic equality which goes much further than that we are familiar with today." The professor proposes a widespread improvement in educational standards that can take care of those who fall by the wayside or believe themselves too old to benefit from a better knowledge of the world, and he adds, of themselves.

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# Egyptian press team ends four-day visit

AMMAN (JNA). — An Egyptian press delegation left here Wednesday after a four-day visit to Jordan during which it met with His Majesty King Hussein, Prime Minister Mudar and a number of top officials. It also visited front-line military positions. The leader of the team, Mr. Youssef Al Siba'ie, President of the Egyptian Press Association, expressed his thanks for the hospitality accorded to the delegation and for the opportunity to get to know the country's achievements. They were especially grati-

fied by their meeting with King Hussein, who talked about Arab solidarity, liberation of the occupied Arab territories and restoration of the Palestinian people's rights, Mr. Al Siba'ie added. He said the Egyptian journalists' visit to Jordan has served to buttress journalistic and information relations between Egypt and Jordan. The Egyptian press chief said he had invited Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh and President of the Jordan Press Association Rakan Al Majali to visit Egypt.



Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh (right) Wednesday bids farewell to the head of an Egyptian press delegation, Mr. Youssef Al Siba'ie. (JNA photo).

# Information minister leaves on Gulf tour

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh left here Wednesday on an eight-day tour which will take him to Qatar, Oman and Bah-

rain at the invitation of the information ministers of these countries. He told reporters that he will hold talks with his counterparts on information cooperation and the seconding of Jordanian media personnel to the three countries. Mr. Abu Odeh said that in Qatar he will discuss the adoption of a programme to implement a cultural agreement concluded in 1972. In Oman, he will exchange instruments of ratification for a cultural and information agreement concluded earlier this year and sign the executive programme of the agreement. During his visit to Bahrain, Mr. Abu Odeh will talk about a proposed bilateral information programme and sign the executive programme of a 1972 agreement.

# Potash project finance meet ends in London

LONDON, June 22 (JNA). — A meeting attended by international finance bodies to study the economic feasibility of the Red Sea potash project ended here today. The eight-day conference discussed loans for the project's 30 million second and last year. Taking part in the conference were representatives from the World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the West German Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau. Jordan was represented by President of the National Mining Council, Dr. Hanna al-Haj, the Chairman and Director General of the Arab Potash Company, Mr. Ali Al Khasawneh, and a number of specialists at the National Planning Council and the Arab Potash Company.



Group of students from the University of Jordan -- now relaxing after a hard semester's studies -- see note of military hardware during a visit to an air base Wednesday. (JNA photo).

# Cabinet approves EEC economic agreement

AMMAN (JNA). — The Cabinet Thursday approved the economic agreement concluded between Jordan and the European Economic Community (EEC), in addition to a transport agreement with Senegal. The Cabinet also agreed to form a delegation to hold talks with Bulgarian officials on concluding a bilateral economic agreement. The delegation, to be headed by Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Najmeddine Dajani, will include the directors of industry and economic cooperation at the ministry and the economic adviser at the Jordanian Embassy in Romania. The cabinet decided to send a delegation led by Minister of Supply Marwan Qassem to Japan, South Korea, Nationalist China and Hong Kong in the first week of July to conclude a number of supply agreements for the Civil Service Consumer Corporation.

# 1976 TOURIST INCOME TOTALS JD 68 MILLION

AMMAN (JNA). — Income from tourism last year amounted to JD 68 million. A total of 1,360,000 tourists visited the country in that period. In 1952, only 40,000 tourists visited the Kingdom and proceeds from tourism barely reached JD 1.5 million.

# Four major digs uncover the country's rich past

AMMAN (J.T.). — Four major archaeological digs are underway or start soon under the sponsorship of the Department of Antiquities and the American Centre of Oriental Research, based here. Dr. Walter Rast and Dr. Thomas Schaub are conducting a second season of excavations at the great Early Bronze (ca. 3,100-2,100 B.C.) city and cemetery site of Bab Adh Dhira' which is located below Karak near the lisan of the Dead Sea. As part of the regional emphasis of the project, Drs. Rast and Schaub are extending their excavations this season to include also the nearby site of Numelrah. The staff of about 45 includes highly trained specialists from many American universities and museums. In the north, another project is now being carried out by Dr. Robert Coughenour, -- with a team of 20 -- at Warda, an iron mining and smelting site located in the Ajloun Heights. The site is Ayyubid/Mamluk (ca. 1,200-1,400 A.D.), although some earlier (Roman, Iron Age?) pottery has also been found in the area. This region is the only one in the country which is known to have been mined for iron in ancient times. Four weeks of excavations are being carried out this month at a partially robbed cave site in the Baqa'a valley to the north of Amman. The cave has produced large quantities of Late Bronze (ca. 1,550-1,200 B.C.) pottery, and it seems to be a burial cave in a fairly extensive necropolis. Dr. Bert De Vries will be working during July at the great Roman and Byzantine site of Um Al Jimal, near Mafraq. His team of about 20 will excavate at several points in the city to date certain buildings as well as the city wall, and De Vries himself will continue to work on a comprehensive site plan based on ground surveying and aerial photography. In addition, De Vries will remain in Jordan with his family until December during which time he will improve the site for tourism.

# COMPUTERS MAY RUN INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

AMMAN (JNA). — The Income Tax Department may computerise its system in the near future, Ministry of Finance sources stated after talks between Jordan and Syria ended at the Income Tax Department here Wednesday. The four-day discussion reviewed tax legislation in the two countries, so that the two sides can exchange expertise and benefit from the good points in laws and regulations in effect in Jordan and Syria.

# The Palestinians: Different picture in each refugee camp

"Some of the Palestinians" is not about politics as such; it is a tragic and impressive report of life in refugee camps in the Middle East. It is the most recent film produced by the United Kingdom Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). Mamoun Hassan, former secretary of the British Film Institute Production Board, was Director/Editor of this moving film. Born in Saudi Arabia, Mamoun has spent most of his life in England. He returned to the Middle East in 1974 to assume his post as head of the film branch of UNRWA's Audio-Visual Division in Beirut. Earlier this year, he left UNRWA to take up his new position as head of direction at the National Film School in England. When he was in Amman recently, he gave the Jordan Times more information about the film and himself.

By Marian Awwad Special of the Jordan Times

"Some of the Palestinians" is a documentary film about the Palestinian refugees today. The film was shown at the London Film Festival in December 1976, thus affording the international public its first viewing of the most recent and what has been termed the best film produced by UNRWA depicting the plight of the refugees -- millions of homeless and bewildered people. The structure of the film was carefully planned. "I knew that the Palestinian refugees were different in different camps and in the different countries," Mamoun Hassao explained. "At the same time, there was this feeling of their being one. I was therefore interested in making the film to cover all the host countries -- Lebanon, Syria and Jordan -- as well as the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

The film begins with a scene of milk distribution to the refugees. Mamoun feels this was not a dramatic beginning, but "a situation peculiar to being a refugee in any camp in the Middle East."

The character of the refugees in the film comes out clearly. "In Jordan, especially, many refugees have experienced not one but two exoduses (1948 and 1967). Still, there is such an extraordinary resilience and dignity about them." Mamoun continued: "In Syria, some but not all of the refugees have experienced exodus twice in their lifetime. Here, though, they seem to show a different kind of character, in some ways mellow. The children you see in the film are energetic and attractive, yet you feel there is no end to their hardship -- refugeeedom and what it's all about."

There are four quite separate sequences in the film. As Mamoun sees it, the first sequence is about a man, a remarkable doctor, Dr. Issaf Murad -- himself a Palestinian -- who has remarkable feelings of hope. "As we follow the

man through his day as a doctor in a Palestinian refugee camp in Syria, we see that he radiates hope and that he cares for the people he sees. He also believes in tomorrow. I feel nourished by him."

The second sequence shows the refugees in a context of violence, in the aftermath of Israeli raids on refugee camps in south Lebanon. The third sequence is shot in Baqa'a camp, north of Amman, which Mamoun described as "a curious place, in that Baqa'a is an emergency camp, a transient place where we see the need for trees and bricks."

The fourth sequence of the film was shot in the Israeli-occupied territories. Mamoun was not allowed to enter the occupied territories to do the filming. The rest of the crew carried on without him, much to his dismay. In this part, Vera Tamari, an attractive young Palestinian, gives us a glimpse of life for a people under military occupation.

Mamoun remembered what he thought when he first considered the idea of coming to the Middle East to make this film. "There is this false picture in the Western world of the Palestinians as hijackers or beggars. I welcomed the opportunity to see and know what the situation was really like, outside the propaganda of any side."

As to what the film says: "Any film can only tell part of the story, but it must be true to itself." Part of the forcefulness of the film is due to the fact that Mamoun speaks Arabic, the language of the dialogues in the film for which subtitles will be added in the different versions. This enabled him to build a rapport between the filming crew and the people, which has given the film reality and sincerity.

He then referred to a comment made by an English author-friend when he viewed the film: "It is about one side, but it is not one-sided." When asked if the film is depressing, Mamoun recalled what another director had said after seeing it: "Depressing? Why? The people in the film have straight



The Director/Editor of the latest UNRWA film on the Palestinians, Mr. Mamoun Hassan, chats with Dr. Issaf Murad, the remarkable Palestinian doctor who radiates hope in spite of the seemingly hopeless position of the people he deals with.

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Civil aviation "war" averted

U.S., Britain reach new trans-Atlantic air agreement

By Stephen Powell

LONDON, June 22 (R). — British and American negotiators today signed a new agreement on trans-Atlantic air services, thus averting a threatened suspension of scheduled flights between the two countries.

ing again tomorrow afternoon, but an agreement has been signed," the official said. She described the talks as "tense but friendly."

Another important concession obtained by the British is that only one airline from each country will be allowed on each route, with the exceptions of New York and Los Angeles.

that scheduled air services between the United States and Great Britain will end at midnight tonight.

Israel could cut dependence on U.S. aid by 1980s says U.S. AID official

TEL AVIV, June 22 (R). — A United States aid official said here today that Israel may be able to reduce its dependence on U.S. aid by the 1980s.

Energy, raw material supplies dominate Comecon summit agenda

WARSAW, June 22 (R). — Government leaders of Comecon, the communist economic grouping, began a three-day summit here yesterday to discuss long-term joint ventures in energy and other key economic sectors.

Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Mongolia, and a vice-premier from Cuba, attended the summit.

According to Comecon publications, the programmes involve large-scale joint ventures which are now being drawn up by working groups on the basis of proposals from members.

ILO head asks U.S. to retain membership

GENEVA, June 22 (R). — The head of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) yesterday appealed to the United States to reconsider a decision to quit the 135-nation body next November.

OECD begins conference on economic strategy

PARIS, June 22 (R). — Rising unemployment in the world's major non-communist industrial nations will be the most urgent problem for the ministerial conference opening here tomorrow of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

had been able to avoid creating an inflationary boom. "But we cannot say we have seen clear results in the reduction of unemployment except in the United States, in Western Europe and Japan, the situation has even deteriorated."

Carter lauds Saudi Arabian cooperation

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R). — President Carter today praised Saudi Arabia for its cooperation with the United States as he said farewell to Mr. John West, the new U.S. Ambassador to the Middle East country.

America may ban non-prescription sale of sedatives

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R). — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday said it plans to ban non-prescription sales of all sedatives now taken by millions of Americans during the day to ease tension.

Kennedy announced the proposed ban at a hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Monopoly, saying the FDA found no medical benefits from the drugs.

Italian bank closes branches in Turkey

MILAN, June 22 (R). — Banca Commerciale Italiana said it has decided to close its two branches in Turkey because of the curbs on business caused by restrictions introduced in recent years.

Foreign end finance ministers of the 24-nation group will have to decide whether their existing strategy for moderate economic growth is still the right one -- or whether governments should risk a more powerful boost.

On trade, the OECD secretary general said there had been a substantial increase in protectionist pressures, but so far the group had been able to avoid a chain reaction.

Britain's unemployment up

LONDON, June 22 (AFP). — Unemployment in Britain rose by over 100,000 to a total of 1,450,000 or 6.2 per cent of the active population by mid-June, official figures showed yesterday.

U.S. Congress delays ban on saccharin

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R). — The House of Representatives voted yesterday to delay any ban on saccharin for at least 15 months, despite evidence it may cause bladder cancer.

A Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposal to ban the artificial sweetener from food and beverages which followed a Canadian study showing it caused cancer in laboratory rats, aroused a storm of protest.

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ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

- \* BAGHDAD, June 22 (R). — A Venezuelan delegation arrived here last night for talks with Iraqi officials on bilateral cooperation in the various fields, the Iraq News Agency reported today. It said that the delegation represented the Ministries of Planning, Economy, and Oil, Commercial, Agricultural, Health and Information Departments.

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Iran offers W. Germany two nuclear contracts

TEHRAN, June 22 (AFP). — Iran has offered a West German firm contracts for the construction of two nuclear power plants at Isfahan in the centre of the country, authoritative West German sources said here yesterday.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Table showing foreign exchange rates for various currencies including Sterling, Dollar, West German marks, Dutch guilders, Swiss francs, etc.

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices declined slightly Wednesday on the New York Stock Market where the Dow Jones industrial average closed about two points lower at the end of a fairly active session.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed generally firm after a quiet session Tuesday with occasional small buying interest, dealers said.

North Yemeni delegation goes to Sudan

SANA, June 22 (R). — A delegation of North Yemeni merchants, led by the Director of the Ministry of Supplies, Mr. Mutahhar Al Wazir, left here today for Khartoum.



FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1977

# Your Daily HOROSCOPE

in the CARROLL RIGHTER INSTITUTE

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** There is an excellent chance now of others being able to adjust their ideas to your way of thinking. Be sure you think in terms of aviation instead of what's wrong.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Despite some annoyances you may crop up, you can easily make this a most fruitful day. Keep active for best results.

**AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Your creative ideas are striking just fine now. Confer with higher-ups who can be great help to you at this time.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Take time to improve conditions at home. Forget the frivolous for now and attend to important business matters.

**SCORPIO CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** There could be obstacles in the path of progress now, but take them stride. Strive for happiness.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Engage in those activities that will add appreciably to your present income. A veterinary adviser can be helpful to you now.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 23)** Some personal aims can be reached now even though there may be delays connected with them. Show that you have poise.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Find the right methods that will help you attain your goals more readily. Take advantage of an opportunity that is present.

**SAGITTARIUS (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Put a plan to work that give you much enjoyment and personal satisfaction. Be most careful in motion today.

**CAPRICORN (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Don't neglect important duties that await your attention. Friends may under pressure so overlook questionable conduct.

**AQUARIUS (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Although you have other obligations, this is a good day to delve into something new and interesting.

**PISCES (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** You have many tasks that need your conscientious attention if you are to be successful. Show more affection for mate.

**ARIES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Conversations with associates yield fine ideas that could lead to benefits in the future ahead. Steer clear of a troublemaker.

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## PEANUTS

COME ON ALONG, MARCIE  
WE'LL GO OVER TO THE COUNTRY CLUB, AND GET JOBS AS CADDIES... WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE  
I CAN'T TELL A PAR FROM A BIRDIE, SIR...  
THOSE ARE BOWLING TERMS MARCIE... DON'T EMBARRASS ME!

## ANDY GAPP

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'VE GOT THE NERVE TO FACE ME THIS MORNIN' AFTER LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE! YOU MADE A PROPER EXHIBITION OF YOURSELF!  
MUST YOU, FLO?  
CAN YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', PET? YOU'RE MAKIN' THE MISTAKE OF LETTIN' YESTERDAY USE UP TOO MUCH OF TODAY  
QUITE THE LITTLE PHILOSOPHER, ISN'T 'EP?

## MUTT & JEFF

I LOOKED THROUGH THE WHOLE HOUSE-- THERE IS NO BURGLAR!  
NOW I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP AGAIN!  
THREE THIRTY!  
MUTT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?  
I THOUGHT I'D HAVE MY BREAKFAST NOW IN CASE I GET UP LATE FOR WORK!

## THE FLINTSTONES

ISN'T IT GREAT THE BOYS FINALLY GOT A 'COST-OF-LIVING RAISE'?!  
AND HOW!  
YEAH!... NOW WE CAN GO BROKE IN STYLE AND AT THE SAME SPEED AS EVERYONE ELSE

## LAUGHS FROM EUROPE

ENGLAND  
Lewis  
"You're right, madam — his dentures DO rattle."

## THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes

"I overslept and had to leave hurriedly, so either stain the brown shoe black or the black one brown."

### PROVERB

Fear is the worst enemy because it defeats you before the battle is even begun.

## GORED BRIDGE

Q.—Somehow or other, our auctions frequently get derailed. I think my problem lies with the first response. Can you give me some guidelines for responding.—R. Levy, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—The responder has two main obligations: To lay the groundwork for describing the strength and shape of his hand; and to announce a fit if one exists. The importance of showing a fit cannot be overemphasized. It encourages opener more than any bid other than a jump shift because it allows him to revalue his hand. Therefore, if you have a choice between a raise of opener's suit and some other bid, it is usually correct to raise. Consider this responding hand: ♠Ax ♣xx ♦Qxxx ♣thxxx. You play four-card majors and partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond? The choice is between one no trump and two hearts. Many would respond one no trump because they don't want to raise with only three-card support. Partner might have opened with only four hearts. Don't let that deter you. The fact that you play four-card majors doesn't bar partner from holding five hearts! Indeed, more than half the time that he chooses to open one of a major he will surely have five cards in the suit.

You have a potential ruffing value in spades and three trumps to an honor—fair support by any standards. There is no reason to expect the hand to play better at no trump than in a suit contract. Make your natural raise to two hearts, the bid that is most likely to improve partner's holding. If partner opens one of a minor suit and your hand is worth only one voluntary bid (i.e., you are in the 8-10 point range), you should strive to bid a major suit if possible. However, don't take this to extremes. Consider these two responding hands when partner has opened one club: ♠KJxx ♥xxx ♦K10xx ♣xx or ♠Qxxx ♥xxx ♦K10xx ♣xx. With the first hand you should respond 1♦. Your suit is bidable under any circumstance and if you respond 1♦ you will be awkwardly placed if partner rebids one heart—a one spade rebid you would lead to show a better than minimum response. But with the second hand you should respond one diamond. Your strength is concentrated in that suit and, if the opponents should buy the hand, you want

partner to lead a diamond. Unless partner can introduce the spade suit over your diamond response, you really don't want to play in that major. Obviously, I cannot go deeply into the initial responses in the space available here. I hope these few hints will help you improve your game.  
Q.—How would you play six spades on this hand?  
♦KJ109  
♥Q842  
♦AKQ  
♣AK  
♦876 ♣3  
♥5 ♣AKJ109 T6  
♦J106432 ♣8  
♦Q105 ♣J873  
♦AQ542  
♥3  
♦975  
♣9642  
During the auction, East preempted in hearts. West leads the five of hearts. East wins the ten and continues with the ace.—P. Simpson, Boston, Mass.  
A.—Obviously, West's lead is a singleton, so you must ruff with a high trump. If trumps divide 2-2, you are home by simply cross-ruffing your losers, so draw two rounds of trumps with the king jack. When East discards on the second round, you have to abandon this line and play for a squeeze. For this to succeed, you must find East with four clubs. Cash the ace-king of clubs and the three diamonds, coming down to this ending:  
♦109  
♥Q8  
♦—  
♣—  
♦8  
♥J10  
♣Q  
♦A5  
♥—  
♣—  
♦96  
♣AJ  
♦J8  
When you lead the ten of spades from dummy, East is squeezed. If he discards a heart, you let the ten of spades win and ruff a heart to set up the queen. If East discards a club, overtake the ten of trumps with the ace and ruff a club in set up the nine in your hand.

## JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.  
VELED  
DAUGY  
INCLEY  
RYBBAC  
Answer: THE "CASH FOR A SMASH" (Answers tomorrow)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: PARCH SWISH VACUUM WISDOM  
Answer: What the auto insurance salesman promised—CASH FOR A SMASH

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS  
1. King of Judah  
4. Siamese cats  
7. Japanese outcasts  
11. Body of advisers  
13. Occupy  
14. Red dye  
15. Three-spot  
16. Cardinal number  
17. Arthurian lance  
18. Cycle  
20. Stray  
21. Schedule  
22. Empirical  
24. Caron  
25. Waparoond  
27. Axis  
28. Winter month  
30. Plunger  
33. Spotlight  
34. Counter  
35. \_\_\_\_\_ Evers  
36. Heavy hammer  
38. Knookiest  
40. Vainest niece  
41. Whimst  
42. Ragulate  
43. Fasten  
44. Runway  
45. Daily food  
2. Wiser  
3. "Li" \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Exfol  
5. Chord of four tones  
6. Low bench  
7. Neat  
8. Harangue  
9. Sour ale  
10. Shrewder  
11. British author Fleming  
12. By no chance  
13. Scale  
14. Barn  
15. Sweaveed  
16. Mexican shawl  
17. Chastise  
18. Coxy  
19. Divulges  
20. Snake  
21. Wing-shaped  
22. Mis-up  
23. Managed  
24. Gracke

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Botha says after Washington talks

# U.S. pressure is damaging relations with South Africa

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R). — South African Foreign Minister Roelof "Pik" Botha declared today that any American insistence on one-man, one-vote would lead to a rapid deterioration of relations between the two countries.

## Warnke opens Indian Ocean talks in USSR

MOSCOW, June 22 (R). — American and Soviet negotiators opened talks in Moscow today on ways of limiting military competition between the two superpowers in the Indian Ocean.

The two teams — led on the American side by chief strategic arms expert Paul Warnke — are from a U.S.-Soviet working group, one of several set up during a visit to Moscow by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance last March.

This was the first group session in Moscow. Others have been held in Washington, including one on how to reach a comprehensive test ban treaty.

On his arrival in Moscow yesterday, Mr. Warnke said the talks would deal only with the problem of demilitarizing the Indian Ocean and indicated that strategic arms limitation was not on the agenda.

On arrival, Mr. Warnke — who heads a 12-man team of experts — denied that there was any substantial military competition in the Indian Ocean. "We would like to keep it that way," he said.

## European, Arab news agencies argue respective viewpoints in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, June 22 (R). — European and Arab news agency executives argued about politics and the criteria for selecting international news in discussions here yesterday.

Delegates from Syria, Libya and Sudan, speaking at a conference attended by 35 agencies to discuss cooperation, suggested that the press should serve political ends by promoting social development.

But the General Manager of the Dutch news agency ANP, Dr. Jolle Jolles, said: "I can assure you that I am speaking on behalf of other European agencies when I say that we are not political."

The topic was raised in a keynote speech on the second day of the three-day conference by the General Director of the Italian news agency ANSA, Dr. Sergio Lepri.

The conference, also attended by Soviet and East European agencies, follows the first Arab-European agencies meeting held in Tunis last November.

Dr. Lepri asked whether the press was a medium of information or one of persuasion or propaganda. He contrasted one concept which regarded it as an extension of politics and another which saw it as an industry producing news for consumers in much the same way as shoes or toothpaste.

Mr. Botha said relations "in a certain sense" already had deteriorated because the Carter administration had applied "pressure on us in regard to certain matters we cannot negotiate."

Describing the tone of his meeting at the State Department, Mr. Botha told reporters: "It is always good for countries to be absolutely frank with one another, even when they disagree."

Mr. Botha, who is in the United States on a private visit, asked to meet Mr. Vance and also plans to see a number of U.S. senators and representatives.

The former ambassador to Washington and the United Nations became angry as he answered questions about his talks with Mr. Vance on South African internal questions.

Asked whether the U.S. considered South African adoption of one-man one-vote or majority rule as a precondition for improving relations, he said: "That is a very complicated issue. We did discuss important aspects of this, but it is not possible on this particular occasion to bring clarity as far as this matter is concerned."

Pressed on the issue of one-man one-vote, he said: "We simply cannot accept the principle of one-man one-vote for South Africa for the simple reason that if you accept a vote on a global basis, you would be outvoted. If that is insisted upon, then I'm afraid there will be a rapid worsening of relations."

Asked if Mr. Vance pressed him on this point, he said: "I don't want to comment on it because that is the subject of discussions."

The Carter administration

has not publicly called for a South African move to majority rule, although Vice President Walter Mondale at a press conference last month indicated that this was the aim of U.S. policy.

Mr. Botha said the Carter administration's pressure on his country had created a problem. Mr. Botha said they had also discussed Rhodesia and the question of South West Africa (Namibia), the former German colony under South African administration. He said South Africa had made every possible concession on Namibia. "There is nothing South Africa can do now to further the discussion."

He said the United States and other Western countries discussing the question with his government were considering further moves.

On Rhodesia, he said there had been constructive progress toward a peaceful transfer of power to majority rule. He said he saw Premier Ian Smith last week. "I'm prepared to say he's not the problem," he said — the problem was disagreement among black nationalist leaders on how to proceed to majority rule.

## Mitchell, Haldeman begin prison sentences for Watergate cover-up

LOMPOC, California, June 22 (R). — Former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell today enters an Alabama prison to serve his Watergate sentence, one day after top Nixon White House aide H. R. (Bob) Haldeman started a similar jail term here.

Both were sentenced to 30 months to eight years for their role in concealing White House involvement in the cover-up of the break-in at Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate office complex in Washington on June 17, 1972.

The 63-year-old Mr. Mitchell is the first U.S. attorney general to be jailed.

Mr. Haldeman, 50, entered a federal minimum-security prison here yesterday, one day early, apparently to dodge publicity, after spending the past two years making fruitless appeals against his sentence.

Prison officials said he would be tested and classified in the next two weeks to decide what he would do in the prison, which has no bars or armed guards and looks more like a college campus.

Former Nixon Domestic Affairs Adviser John Ehrlichman chose to enter a prison camp in Safford, Arizona, last October to begin a 20-month to five-year sentence for his role in another Watergate-related case. The cover-up sentence is concurrent.

Mr. Haldeman was accompanied by his wife Jo when he arrived at the prison, about 160 kms. northwest of Los Angeles, by car yesterday afternoon. He told reporters outside the prison that he was grateful to his family for standing by him. Then he disappeared inside the gates.

Jail officials said Mr. Haldeman was given cubicle-style living quarters along with about 30 other prisoners in the same dormitory. They said he would either be given a job inside the prison or work on the vegetable patches or the cattle farm surrounding the prison.

One warden, asked about the former White House chief-of-staff's attitude, told reporters: "He was not jubilant but he wasn't depressed."

Mr. Mitchell will serve his sentence in a minimum-security prison at Maxwell Air Force Base near Montgomery, Alabama. Maxwell has no fences or walls but escapes are rare because only prisoners considered good risks are sent there, according to a spokesman for the Justice Department's Bureau of Prisons.



FRANCO-SOVIET ACCORD -- Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev (left) and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France sign accord in Rambouillet on Wednesday at the end of President Brezhnev's official visit to France. (AP wirephoto).

## ARAFAT READY TO MEET VANCE

CAIRO, June 22 (AFP). — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is willing to meet with Mr. Cyrus Vance during the U.S. Secretary of State's coming visit to the Middle East, the Egyptian weekly Al-Kharr Sa' reported today. But Mr. Arafat told officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation that there were no official contacts about such a meeting.

VALLETTA, June 22 (R). — Libyan Prime Minister Maj. Abdul Salam Jalloud said yesterday his country was opposed to hijackings, piracy and other forms of terrorism and was prepared to sign any international agreement against them.

But Maj. Jalloud excluded from the category of "terrorism" action by peoples struggling to achieve freedom in their homeland. He gave as examples those of South Africa, Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa).

He told a press conference that only three aircraft of a total of 160 hijacked in recent years had landed in the Libyan Jamahiriyah and they were given permission to do so for humanitarian reasons at the request of the governments of their countries of registration.

Maj. Jalloud spoke before flying home after attending the Valletta conference of progressive and socialist organisations in the Mediterranean region.

The people in South Africa, Rhodesia and Namibia were fighting in a legitimate struggle for their rights, the premier said.

He said the presence of the naval forces of imperialist powers near the Libyan coast constituted international terrorism.

Premier Jalloud announced that his country was considering breaking off diplomatic relations with Portugal, which recently established diplomatic links with Israel.

He also said that talks between the Libyan Jamahiriyah and Italy on economic cooperation had stopped.

On his country's economic relations with Italy, Maj. Jalloud said: "I believe the Italian government is not keen on an agreement and negotiations stopped during my visit to Rome a few weeks ago."

He added that the recent stand by the Italian government did not encourage the continuation of the talks on this agreement which, he said, was aimed at long-term cooperation.

The value of the agreement could have been measured in billions of dollars, he said.

On Portugal Maj. Jalloud said his country withdrew its representative from Lisbon when the Portuguese government established diplomatic relations with Israel last month.

"The true revolution in Portugal has been stopped by the so-called Socialist democracy," he said, adding that Libya was considering breaking off diplomatic relations.

## Janata elects leaders of 7 states

NEW DELHI, June 22 (R). — India's ruling Janata (People's) Party has completed electing its leaders in seven states where it came to power last week in a demonstration of its political domination in the north.

New state governments to be formed by the incoming chief ministers will be announced by the end of this month.

A feature of the state leadership elections was that four of the new chief ministers, from a semi-circle of north and eastern states, come from the erstwhile Indian People's Party (BLD) led by Home Minister Charan Singh.

Chief ministers of the other three states — Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh in central and northwestern India — are from the old Hindu nationalist Jan Sangh Party.

The BLD and Jan Sangh were among parties which merged to form Janata.

The new Chief Executive Councillor of the Delhi Metropolitan Council, Kedar Nath

Sabani, 51, is also from the Jan Sangh. Members of the council are pressing for the union territory, which surrounds the national capital, to be granted statehood.

The new Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state with a population of close to 100 million, is Mr. Ram Nares Yadav, 49, a virtual unknown in national politics until this year.

Mr. Yadav, a lawyer, won election to parliament in the March general elections, defeating former Minister Chandrajit Yadav.

There was a tough leadership contest in Bihar, India's second most populous state, where former United Front Chief Minister Arpoori Thakur, 56, won election by 144 votes to 78.

Mr. Thakur, who fled to Nepal at one stage during the emergency imposed by the previous government and was arrested after his return, was chief minister of the state from December 1970 to June 1971. His previous party affiliation

was to the BLD. In a separate development, Health Minister Raj Narain told parliament today that 207 people had died after vasectomy operations performed between July 1975, and March 1977.

He said in reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha (upper house) that 10,568,770 sterilisation operations had been carried out during this period, the duration of emergency rule.

Sterilisation formed the main plank in a major family planning drive by the former Congress Party government during the emergency.

The fatality figures provided by Mr. Narain today were much lower than those frequently alleged by members of the new ruling Janata Party in campaign speeches before the March general elections.

Mr. Narain also said that he had no information on any central government employee being denied promotion or pay increases or being compulsorily retired for refusing to be sterilised.

## Premier Jalloud tells press conference in Malta

## Libya ready to sign anti-terrorist accord, may break diplomatic ties with Portugal

There had been a great potential for big economic cooperation with Portugal," he said, but this was now impossible.

Replying to a question on Libyan-Egyptian relations, Maj. Jalloud said these depended on

the Egyptian government. The reason for tension was Egypt and it was Egypt that should start to remove this tension, he said. There were no tensions between the peoples of the two countries and the Libyan Jamahiriyah was prepared to remove all tensions.



ANNOUNCING GOVERNMENT -- Turkish Social Democrat leader, Mr. Bulent Ecevit, Tuesday announces in Istanbul a 26-man cabinet after Turkish President Fahri Koruturk confirmed the list. Premier Ecevit faces a confidence vote within a week of his minority government's programme. Mr. Ecevit Wednesday set up a top-level ministerial committee to seek ways of ending political violence in Turkey. It was Mr. Ecevit's first official act. The formation of a new government following general elections on June 12 was greeted enthusiastically by independent and leftwing newspapers. "At last, a government without the Erbakan (the Islamic National Salvation Party)," commented Hurdnet, Turkey's largest newspaper. The leftwing daily Vatan headlined the news "The end of Nationalist Front fascism." Politika, another leftwing daily, referred to incidents in Istanbul yesterday which left one person dead, charging that "The Nationalist Front spreads death before it goes." (AP wirephoto).

## Road accident spills poison into water supply of 3 Italian towns

GENOVA, Italy, June 22 (R). — Water supplies to three towns in northwest Italy were shut off today after a truckload of poisonous chemical spilled into the River Scrivia.

But police said the 600 kgs. of carbon tetrachloride — which can damage lungs, liver and kidneys — was causing no danger to life.

The chemical is heavier than water and lying at the bottom

of the slow-moving river near the site of the accident, the police said, adding that checks on water further down the river this morning failed to show any traces of carbon tetrachloride.

Several towns and villages in a hilly area near this northern coast city were alarmed after the accident last night, when a tractor-trailer lorry went out of control on a highway, tipped over, hit the guard rail and toppled into the river below.

## Gen. Eisenhower's letters to his wife published to counter divorce allegations

LOS ANGELES, June 22 (R). — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's family, incensed by allegations that he once planned to divorce Mamie Eisenhower and marry his British driver, today released copies of his wartime letters to his wife.

The letters, published in the Los Angeles Times today, include one written from London in 1942 which said: "I wish that my powers of expression were such as to make you understand thoroughly — clearly and for always I've never wanted any other wife — you're mine and for that reason I've been luckier than any other man."

The Eisenhower family said it released the letters to counter a book by Lt. Kay Summersby, who served as Ike's driver and private secretary during the years of World War II, and a television film which is soon to be made, based largely on the book.

Lt. Summersby's account of her wartime relationship with the general, who later became president of the United States, was published last year under the title: "Past Forgetting: My Love Affair with Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Miss Summersby, who served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during the war, died of cancer shortly after writing the book.

Harry Truman was reported to have told that after the war Gen. Eisenhower wanted to return to the United States to divorce Mamie and marry Lt. Summersby.

Mr. Truman was said to have added that the then U.S. Army Chief-of-Staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, had angrily talked Gen. Eisenhower out of it. Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, now

80, still lives on the family farm in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Gen. Eisenhower's letters, written from London and the battlefronts in Algeria and Europe in which he served before returning to the United States to become army chief-of-staff in September 1945, make only casual references to Lt. Summersby.

But at times he responded to suspicions that might have arisen from stories appearing in magazines.

Among excerpts from the letters are: London, Oct. 30, 1942 -- On the day you open this letter you'll be 46. I'd like to be there to help you celebrate and to kiss you 46 times (multiplied by any number you'd care to pick).

Algiers, Dec. 31, 1942 -- I want you to know, and to remember, that my eventual return to you fills the nicest dreams and most comforting thoughts I have.

Algiers, Jan. 13, 1942 -- Don't forget I love you -- all the time, always, you're the only woman I could ever love with.

Algiers, March 2, 1943 -- so "life" (magazine) says my old London driver came down. So she did, so she did -- but the big reason she wanted to serve in this theatre is that she is terribly in love with a young American colonel... I tell you only so that if anyone is banal and foolish enough to lift an eyebrow at an old duffer such as I am in connection with WAC's -- I love you -- only.



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